

Commissioner Susan A. Gendron

March 26, 2008

Maine Department of Education

23 State House Station

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Dear Commissioner Gendron:

This letter is intended to give you a progress report on the development of a reorganization plan from the Durham/Freeport/Pownal Reorganization Planning Committee (RPC). Since our last report on December 1, 2007 the RPC has made great progress, but has not yet taken any formal votes to add, delete, or change the plan.

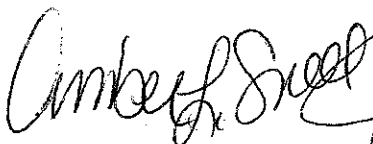


The RPC did develop a draft plan that was reviewed at public meetings that were held in each of the three Towns and were open to the citizens of all of the Towns. The RPC also held a meeting for the Freeport Town Council and School Board, the Durham Selectmen and School Board, and the Pownal Selectmen and MSAD# 62 School Board. At all of these meetings the RPC received much feedback and suggestions on the draft plan.

The RPC is currently considering that feedback and suggestions. They are currently making determinations as to how the plan might be improved and strengthened so that a strong and viable RSU, which is created with the support of the communities, will result. In addition, the RPC, as well as many community members, are awaiting the results of the Legislative deliberations on proposed legislation that could affect the content of the RPC's reorganization plan. There is great uncertainty and a need for clarity.

Due to this time for reflection and the Legislative uncertainty, the RPC is not able to have a plan ready for the March 28, 2008 deadline. It continues to be our hope that conditions will exist that will allow there to be a plan submitted in time for a June referendum on a reorganization plan.

Thank you for your consideration of this update on the progress of our RPC.

Sincerely yours,

		
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